

Introduced by

Representatives Beadle, Mock

1 A concurrent resolution declaring March 3, 2017, as "National Speech and Debate Education
2 Day".

3 **WHEREAS**, National Speech and Debate Education Day was established by the National
4 Speech & Debate Association in conjunction with national and local partners, and is being
5 celebrated on March 3, 2017; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the event serves to promote better instruction in speech and debate across all
7 grade levels and highlight the pivotal roles speech and debate play in personal advocacy, social
8 movements, and public policymaking; and

9 **WHEREAS**, speech and debate education helps students develop important skills in
10 communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through the practice of public
11 speaking in which participants learn not only to express complex ideas effectively, but also to
12 listen, concur, question, or dissent with reason and compassion; and

13 **WHEREAS**, across the country countless educators devote their time in-school, after-
14 school, and on weekends to supporting students in speech and debate practices and
15 competitions, and their hard work and dedication has lasting and positive impacts on their
16 students; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students well throughout
18 their lives, and this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize speech and debate
19 instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded curriculum;

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**
21 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

22 That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly declares March 3, 2017, as "National Speech and
23 Debate Education Day"; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution
25 to the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders.